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1. WE ARE RESEARCHING 1962 NEGOTIATION RE MARINE
DEPLOYMENT. MEANWHILE THIS MESSAGE IS PRELIMINARY
RESPONSE REF A.

2. FOLLOWING IS FIRST PARA OF " STATEMENT BY THE
PRESIDENT ANNOUNCING THE DISPATCH OF ADDITIONAL U. S.
FORCES TO THAILAND" MAY 15, 1962:

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QUOTE: FOLLOWING JOINT CONSIDERATION BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THAILAND OF THE SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT HAS INVITED, AND I HAVE TODAY ORDERED, ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY FORCES, BOTH GROUND AND AIR, TO PROCEED TO THAILAND AND TO REMAIN THERE UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS. THESE FORCES ARE TO HELP ENSURE THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THEIR PEACEFUL COUNTRY. CLOSE QUOTE.
SOURCE - PUBLIC PAPERS OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES. JFK 1962 ITEM 192 P. 396.

3. A STATEMENT BROADCAST BY THE RTG, AS REPORTED IN FBIS FAR EAST DAILY REPORT FOR MAY 16, 1962, CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE QUOTE PURSUANT IMMEDIATE CONSULTATION WITH FINMIN REGARDING USFY
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1974 BUDGET DEFICIT, BUT CAUTIONED HE UNABLE TO PREDICT OUTCOME; (C) HE HOPED REDUCTION IN STAFF COULD BE DELAYED UNTIL JFY 1974 BUDGET PICTURE CLARIFIED IN AUGUST; AND (D) HE REQUESTED THAT ALL MEASURES POSSIBLE BE TAKEN TO AVOID RIFFS.

7. PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT, JNII DIRGEN YANAGISAWA MADE BRIEF REPORT ON SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM MEETING ATTENDED BY ABCC PERSONNEL AND JAPANESE AGENCY COUNTERPARTS ON 26 APRIL. HIGHLIGHTS WERE: (A) ABC: PROGRAM SHOULD CONTINUE WITH GOJ TAKING GREATER SHARE OF FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS; (B) JAPANESE SCIENTIFIC BUREAUCRACY HITHERTO UNAWARE SUBCC'S SEVERE FINANCIAL FLIGHT; AND (C) THEY CONSIDERED ABSORPTION PART OF ABCC PERSONNEL BY EXPANDED JNII BRANCH LABORATORIES AS MOST PROMISING ALTERNATIVE FOR GREATER GOJ PARTICIPATION IN ABCC.

8. US DELEGATION CHAIRMAN ENGLISH CLOSED PLENARY SESSIONS ON NOTE OF MEASURED OPTIMISM, EXPRESSING BELIEF THAT (A) JAPANESE SIDE NOW UNDERSTANDS THE PROBLEM ABCC'S FUTURE, AND (B) US SIDE EXPECTS JAPANESE STATEMENT OF INTENT REGARDING THEIR INCREASED PARTICIPATION SOONEST

9. SELECTED US/ JAPAN CONFEREES SCRAPPED IDEA OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE, AND PREPARED SET OF QTE GUIDELINES FOR PRESS BRIEFING UNQTE. THESE FORWARDED BY SEPTTEL.

10. EMBASSY COMMENT. OUTCOMES PRESENT MEETING ILLUSTRATE GOJ POLICY ON ABCC PARTICIPATION HAS MOVED LONG WAY PAST SIMILAR 1969 US/ JAPAN MEETING, WHERE ONLY EMERGENT GOJ POLICY STATEMENT WAS TO EFFECT THAT GOJ HAD NO OBJECTION TO ABCC CONTINUING AS US PROGRAM. BOTH GRAVITY OF CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION AND ESSENTIALITY GOJ CONTRIBUTIONS LEADING TO EQUAL PARTNERSHIP NOW CLARIFIED. THUS WE ANTICIPATE SOME MOVEMENT TOWARD FULLER PARTICIPATION AT EARLIEST DATE FEASIBLE, BUT DOUBT ACTION WILL

BE TAKEN IN TIME TO AVOID PROGRAM REDUCTION DURING USFY 1974
UNLESS GOJ UNWILLING TO ACCEPT LABOR UNION AND POLITICAL
CRITICISM LIKELY TO RESULT SHOULD STAFF REDUCTION BE ANNOUNCED.
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